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SUBJECT: IOC - REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR
REVIEW OF 20 C/5

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1. DESMOND SCOTT, SECRETARY OF IOC, REPORTS DIRECTLY TO
ADG FOR SCIENCE. ASSUME CABLE SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION
OF SCOTT REPORTING DIRECTLY TO DG M'BOW. IF
SO, SCOTT WOULD NOT FAVOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. PERM-
DEL AGREES WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AS THIS WOULD TAKE IOC
OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM OF UNESCO SCIENCE ACTIVITIES.
CERTAINLY, THIS WOULD NOT BE THE TIME TO CONSIDER
SUCH A MOVE. HOWEVER, PERMDEL INTENDS TO MAKE STATE-
MENT TO EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT U.S. DELEGATION SUPPORTS
UPGRADING OF STATUS OF IOC AND ITS SECRETARY.
PERMDEL IN NO POSITION TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF
MEXICO'S DELEGATE, WHO WILL ARGUE FOR MORE FUNDS FOR
IOC VIS-A-VIS OTHER SCIENCE PROGRAMS.

2. TRUST FUND ARRANGEMENT WITH LIBYA IS UNDER
AUSPICES OF MARINE SCIENCES DIVISION, NOT IOC.
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THE \$3M IS EXPECTED TO BE PROVIDED BY LIBYA OVER A
PERIOD OF CA. FIVE YEARS. IN THE NATURE OF A
UNDP PROJECT, UNESCO, FOR A 14 OVERHEAD COST, WILL
ARRANGE FOR SUCH SERVICES AS THE RECRUITMENT OF
EXPERTS FOR LIBYA AND THE PROVISION OF FELLOWSHIPS.
THE L4 WILL ALSO SUPPORT A NEW STAFF MEMBER, WHO
WILL BE LOCATED IN THE OPERATIONS SECTION OF THE

SCIENCE SECTOR. WHETHER OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MARINE SCIENCES DIVISION WILL BE DISTRACTED FROM THEIR REGULAR ACTIVITIES WILL TO A GREAT EXTENT DEPEND ON THE ABILITIES OF THIS NEW STAFF MEMBER. IT IS NOT EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIBYAN PROJECT WILL CREATE ANY APPRECIABLE DISRUPTION OF THE PRESENT ROUTINE.

3. FYI: THE DG RECENTLY ASKED IOC AND THE MARINE SCIENCES DIVISION, IHP, AND MAB TO QUIETLY WORK UP PROPOSALS FOR ADDING \$150-200K TO THEIR BUDGETS SHOULD SUCH FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. PERMDEL'S FEELING IS THAT DG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SUCH PLANS READY IF THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESSURES HIM VERY STRONGLY TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE SCIENCE SECTOR, WHICH IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. THE TENTATIVE PLAN IN IOC AND THE MARINE SCIENCES IS TO USE THE FUNDS, IF THEY SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE, FOR A LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN IOC AND THE MARINE SCIENCES DIVISION.
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